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Enclosed for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):  
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For: **IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, SYSTEM AND EXAMINATION APPARATUS FOR  
 EXTRACTING A THREADLIKE STRUCTURE IN A NOISY DIGITAL IMAGE**

## ENCLOSED ARE:

- ☒ Associate Power of Attorney;  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and copies of documents listed therein;  
☐ Preliminary Amendment;  
☒ Specification (14 Pages of Specification, Claims, & Abstract);  
☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney:  
 (1 Page of a ☐ fully executed ☒ unsigned Declaration);  
☒ Drawing (7 sheets of ☐ informal ☒ formal sheets);  
☒ Certified copy of **EUROPEAN** application Serial No. **00401367.8**;  
☒ Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)  
☐ Other:  
☐ Assignment to

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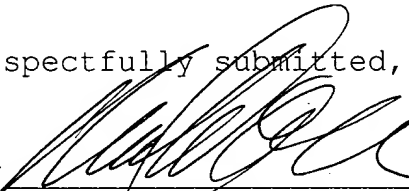
Sir:

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